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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 36-65 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is responsive to the amendment filed April 25, 2005, in which claims 1, 12, and 24 were amended.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to all claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
3. Claims 1-35 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-35 have rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Publication No. 2005/0060584 to Ginter et al.

Referring to claims 1 and 24, Ginter et al. disclose issuing a primary digital certificate to a primary certificate holder of a corporation, the primary certificate being configured to authorize the primary certificate holder to designate a plurality of holders of secondary digital certificates that are derivative from the primary certificate, each of the primary and plurality of secondary

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certificates including at least one of unique identifying information and an indication of authority of the holder of the certificate, an authority defined in each of the secondary digital certificates being comparatively more limited than an authority defined in the primary digital certificate (see paragraph [0907] - it may be efficient and/or desirable for each institution holding a certificate to issue dependent certificates to its own faculty, staff and students and paragraph [0908] certifying authority may issue electronic controls, subject to controls issued by rights holder for example, that delegate, to the institution's certifying authority the authority and responsibility to issue dependent certificates within certain limits), collecting, over the computer network, pending corporate payment requests for clearing against an account of the corporation (see paragraph [0576] financial clearinghouse may collect payment related information and details, and efficiently arrange for the transfer of money and other compensation to ensure that value providers get paid), periodically generating a pending payment statement that includes the collected pending payment requests (see paragraph [0602] providing periodic reporting of transaction activity for clearinghouse reconciliation and recordation purposes), requiring the each of the collected pending payment requests be validated by an authentication primary or secondary certificate holder having the authority to validate the payment requests (see paragraph [0581], allowing each party involved in a transaction to verify that a given exchanged as occurred), clearing only validated corporate payment requests of the pending payment statement against the corporate account (see paragraph [0582] reconciling accounts at time of purchase, e.g. transferring funds from a value chain participant account to one or more provider accounts).

Referring to claims 2, 13 and 25, Ginter et al. disclose the method wherein the primary certificate (i.e. "first certificate") includes both an identifying information uniquely identifying

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an officer of the corporation and the authority of the officer (see claim 67; embedding the first virtual entity certificate into a secure container having a first associated rule set at least in part governing use of the first virtual entity certificate, the first associated rule set including a rule governing the circumstances under which the first member may perform an action on behalf of the first virtual entity).

Referring to claims 3,14, and 26, Ginter et al. disclose the primary certificate (i.e. “first certificate”) includes the identifying information uniquely identifying an officer of the corporation (see claim 67—generating a first virtual entity certificate, an identifier related to a first virtual entity), and wherein the authority of the officer is stored by the financial services provider (see paragraph [0834] qualifications might be established by presentation of one or more valid certificates, which might be simply checked, or stored in the database)

Referring to claims 4, 15 and 27, Ginter et al. disclose receiving the primary certificate from the primary certificate holder or one of the secondary certificates from one of the secondary certificate holders (see paragraph [0865]; Ginter et al. teach providing trusted verification that a group of value chain participants are collectively who they say they are, wherein in a plurality of certificates from different parties are tested, which implies that the certificates have been received), authenticating an identity of the certificate holder from which the certificate was received (see paragraph [0864] providing trusted verification of value chain participants), and validating the presented certificate (a plurality of certificates from different parties are tested).

Referring to claims 5,16 and 28, Ginter et al. disclose the primary digital certificate includes the authority of an officer of the corporation and wherein the identifying information uniquely identifying the officer is stored by the financial services provider (see claim 3 above).

Referring to claims 6,17, and 29, Ginter et al. disclose the method wherein the indication of authority includes at least one of a maximum payment that the holder of the certificate is authorized to validate, an expiration date of the certificate, payees for which the certificate holder is authorized to validate payments (see claim 55).

Referring to claims 7,18 and 30, Ginter et al. the step of receiving detailed financial records and other financial information, which the examiner interprets as “a list of validated corporate payment requests from an authenticated certificate holder of the corporation and clearing only those corporate payment requests against the corporate account that are listed in the received list of validated corporate payment requests” (see paragraph [0782]).

Referring to claims 8,19, and 31, Ginter et al. disclose the requiring step includes a step of validating the collected pending payment requests of the payment statement at least partially programmatically (see paragraph [0119]; the Distributed Commerce Utility can provide convenience and operating efficiencies to their value chain participants; for example, they may offer a complete, integrated set of important clearing function capabilities that are programmable).

Referring to claims 9,20 and 32, Ginter et al. disclose the requiring step validates each pending payment requests in the pending payment statement by matching the payment request with a corresponding payment request in an accounting system of the corporation (see paragraph [0870]-- certifying based on another certificate and an automatic secure database lookup which may be performed locally, across a distributed database arrangement).

Referring to claims 10,22 and 34, Ginter et al. disclose the pending payment statement generating step generates the pending payment statement at a regular interval (see paragraphs

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[0396] financial clearinghouse may provide payment statements to consumers & [0602] providing periodic reporting of transaction activity).

Referring to claims 11,23 and 35, Ginter et al. disclose periodically reporting transaction activity, which the examiner presumes may include dialing and weekly (see claim 10 above).

Referring to claim 12, Ginter et al. disclose at least one processor, at least one data storage device (see paragraph [0113]) and a plurality of processes spawned by said at least one processor, the process including processing logic for (see paragraph [0141]): issuing a primary digital certificate to a primary certificate holder of a corporation, the primary certificate being configured to authorize the primary certificate holder to designate a plurality of holders of secondary digital certificates that are derivative from the primary certificate, each of the primary and plurality of secondary certificates including at least one of unique identifying information and an indication of authority of the holder of the certificate, an authority defined in each of the secondary digital certificates being comparatively more limited than an authority defined in the primary digital certificate (see paragraph [0907] - it may be efficient and/or desirable for each institution holding a certificate to issue dependent certificates to its own faculty, staff and students and paragraph [0908] certifying authority may issue electronic controls, subject to controls issued by rights holder for example, that delegate, to the institution's certifying authority the authority and responsibility to issue dependent certificates within certain limits), collecting, over the computer network, pending corporate payment requests for clearing against an account of the corporation (see paragraph [0576] financial clearinghouse may collect payment related information and details, and efficiently arrange for the transfer of money and other compensation to ensure that value providers get paid), periodically generating a pending payment statement

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that includes the collected pending payment requests (see paragraph [0602] providing periodic reporting of transaction activity for clearinghouse reconciliation and recordation purposes), requiring the each of the collected pending payment requests be validated by an authentication primary or secondary certificate holder having the authority to validate the payment requests (see paragraph [0581], allowing each party involved in a transaction to verify that a given exchanged as occurred), clearing only validated corporate payment requests of the pending payment statement against the corporate account (see paragraph [0582] reconciling accounts at time of purchase, e.g. transferring funds from a value chain participant account to one or more provider accounts).

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jalatee Worjloh whose telephone number is 571-272-6714. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays 8:30 - 7:00.

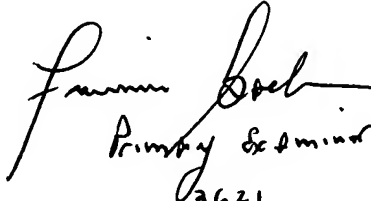
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for Regular/After Final Actions and (571)273-6714 for Non-Official/Draft.

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